



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **BOIL WATER ORDER FOR STELZER COUNTY PARK** *Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply*

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for Stelzer County Park located at 11470 Wildcat Canyon in Lakeside, effective immediately. Water samples were collected on August 26 and reported by the laboratory Sunday, August 27, 2006, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system.

*E. Coli* bacteria was **absent** in all samples. Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to the park to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

The County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department immediately took steps to prevent the public from coming in contact with the contaminated water by shutting off the water or placing bags over all public drinking fountains. The Park will provide bottled water and hand sanitizing solutions for park guests until the boil water order is lifted.

*For more information on the Boil Water Order, please call Mark McPherson at the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health at (858)495-5572.*

*For information on Stelzer Park operations, please call Randy Ford at the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation at (858)694-3963 .*